214

WORK AMONG SPANISH SPEAKING PEOPLES

Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Name of Station		No. of Commissioned Workers	Enrollment	Total Patients
Boarding Schools				
Allison-James	Santa Fe, N.M.	11		86
Presbyterian Memorial	606 E. Evergreen Ave. Los Angeles, Cal.	7		80
Menaul	Albuquerque, N.M.	22		288
Day Schools				
Agua Negra	Nilman, N.M.	2		59
Alice Byram Mission	Junction of Taos	2		44
El Prado de Taos	Taos, N.M.	2		51
El Rito	Chamita, N.M.	2		40
Embudo	Dixon, N.M.	2		76
John Byram Memorial	Chimayo, N.M.	2		44
San Juan	Hogback, Ariz.	1		29
Tranquilino	Tranquilino, N.M.	1		45
Trementina	Trementina, N.M.	2		44
Medical Stations				
Brooklyn Cottage Hospital	Dixon, N.M.	2	1111	506
Rinconada Medical Station	Rinconada, N.M.	2		488
Trementina	Trementina, N.M.	2		98
	TOTALS	68	806	1800

November 27, 1918.

Rev. J. Ernest McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee,

Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday, may I ask that you place on your docket for January 17 an engagement with Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff and Mrs. Ward Platt, representing the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church North, and myself, representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, for a conference relative to the work being done in New Mexico by the three agencies which we represent. I feel very strongly that it is time for us to study the Mission Field from the need of the Field and not from the point of view of the agency going there to work and as all of our schools are more or less inadequate, I believe the time has come when we may, by uniting our forces, provide larger and better facilities for the Mexican boys and girls in the United States. Your suggestion of having some plan ready to discuss at the time of the April conference of New Mexican workers, seems to me a very desirable thing.

Trusting that this may meet with your approval, believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LH.

President.

December 11, 1918.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee,

I am extremely sorry that your two letters of November 29 have remained unanswered for so long. I will appoint as the representatives of the Council of Women for Home Missions to confer with a Committee from the Missionary Education Movement in regard to representation by the former on the Board of Managers of the Missionary Education Movement, Mrs. J. S. Allen and Mrs. F. S. Bennett. My members felt that it was desirable that I should be on this Committee. I hope you will not call a meeting this week as we shall most of us be attending the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council in Atlantic City. If I might be so bold as to make a suggestion, I wish you might call it on about 1:30 on Thursday, December 19th, as that seems to be an open date for me and there are so few between now and January first. If that is not convenient, of course, I will try and bend my engagements to that of the group.

I note that you give the dates of the Permanent Council on Spanish Speaking Work in the Southwest as March 5th and 6th. I wish we might have our preliminary conference before January 17th but it does not seem possible to secure the attendance of the Methodist women before that date. I have just learned that the Methodist Church, South, are looking over the Fields with a view to establishing new schools among the Mexicans and I have just written Miss Belle Bennett, the President of the Woman's Council of that denomination, asking that they meet with us to consider that whole Field. It certainly would be most unfortunate if they should go in now and establish schools, quite independent of any other group.

You ask relative to conference about the Utah Field. I believe that each Field should be taken up but at the same time, I am somewhat of the opinion that until we have demonstrated one Field fairly well, it will not be wise to enter upon discussion of too many.

(over)

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
[redacted] } *Corresponding Secretaries*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. }
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL L. LOOMIS, D. D. } *Associate Secretaries*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY }
LURA BEAM
Assistant Superintendent of Education
J. E. McAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

New York, January 6, 1919.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I still have note of our proposed conference on the Mexican educational situation scheduled for Friday, January seventeenth. I hope you will feel responsibility for steering this conference.

I write to ask whether it is likely that I can be released in time to catch a two p. m. train that day for a long absence.

I took up with Dr. Hall the matter of our proposed conference next Thursday on missionary education. I am not sure what he has done but I imagine he is taking steps to bring the group together whose names were jotted down.

I hope you will survive even this stressful period of conferring.

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. McAfee

Mrs. WILBUR P. THIRKIELD, President,
"The DeSoto," New Orleans, La.

Mrs. MAY LEONARD WOODRUFF,
Corresponding Secretary,
Allendale, N. J.

Woman's Home Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

Mrs. D. D. THOMPSON, Recording Secretary,
1629 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. H. C. JENNINGS, Treasurer,
740 Rush St., Chicago, Ill.

Allendale, N. J., Feb. 20, 1919.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

For several days I have wanted to reply to your last letter, with reference to the meeting in Albuquerque. Next week I am starting on quite a journey to visit our Negro work in the South, As this will require at least four weeks, or more _ it does not seem possible , or necessary for me to go to Albuquerque. Mrs. Platt will be accompanied by Miss Jean Oram, of Cleveland, O., who is Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of our National Society. She is also a Trustee and throughly understands all of our work.

Mrs. Platt and Miss Oram are to make a visit to all of our Spanish and Oriental Homes and Schools, and the Training School on the Pacific Coast. It would really be very unnecessary for me to go to Albuquerque when Miss Oram is to be there. She understands the situation just as fully as I do, and will render perhaps more service than I could.

I certainly hope nothing will prevent your going to Albuquerque, I feel that this is very important _ especially since I had a talk with Mr. Diffendorfer, at Wallace Lodge, two or three weeks ago.

I was very glad Miss Guernsey could substitute for me in the meeting yesterday. I shall be glad to hear the result of the meeting.

It is a great disappointment to me that Mrs. Allen feels she can not serve as Executive Secretary for the Council. I am wondering who you will be able to secure _ I hope some one very soon.

Very cordially,

May L. Woodruff.

February 12, 1919.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff,
Allendale, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff,

Yesterday I had someone phone to 150 Fifth Avenue to find out how I could get into touch with Mrs. Platt relative to the trip to Albuquerque. The word I received was that Mrs. Platt was broken in health and had resigned. I have tried this morning to get you on the phone but they tell me that your line does not answer. I am most anxious to know how this affects the situation at Albuquerque. I shall only go down there just now for this one matter of trying to secure inter-denominational cooperation in the Boarding Schools and unless there is going to be a representative from your Board there with power, it is not worth while for the trip to be made. I should be very glad if you could let me know what the situation is, whether this matter will have to be held over temporarily until Mrs. Platt's successor has been chosen or whether you will go to Albuquerque yourself or can we go further than we have gone right in New York? As my plans will all have to be held in abeyance until this Albuquerque matter is settled, I should be most grateful for a prompt reply.

Yesterday there were four of us, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Rossman, Mrs. Goodchild and myself, at the meeting of the War Production Communities Committee. I am enclosing a copy of the action which we took.. If you have anything to suggest or add, will you let me hear from you before the meeting of the Executive Committee. This may need some polishing to get it in the best possible shape but this is the way we have planned it to date.

With much regret that you cannot be with us, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH
Enclosure.

Dictated but not read.

November 27, 1918.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff,
Allendale, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff,

I have placed upon my books an appointment for January 17th to meet with you and Mrs. Platt for discussion of the Mission work that our Boards are doing in New Mexico. Yesterday I talked with Mr. MacAfee who has taken Mr. Douglas's place on the Congregational Board and found him more than sympathetic and delighted at the plan. He also will keep this date and trusts to be able to meet with us though he regrets extremely that we have to postpone this meeting for so long a time. However, I think January 17 will be on us before we have half realized it. I am simply dropping you this note that there may be no misunderstanding and that we may all certainly get together. As we shall meet during the time of the Council of Women meetings, we can arrange a place. It is barely possible that if we are all at Wallace Lodge during the week, we may be able to work this in there.

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LH.

P.S. I heard the other day that the Harwood School for girls at Albuquerque was trying to purchase property there. I wish that we might have a conference before any of us put more money into plans.

M.K.B.

October 7, 1918.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff,
Allendale, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff,

Yours of October second is at hand. I wish very much that you would make an appointment with Mrs. Platt to come to New York for a talk concerning the work that is being done by our various denominations in New Mexico. It would be well if a date could be set fairly early in order that we might be certain that all the various ones would be at hand. Thanksgiving week is not a good time but if it would be possible for Mrs. Platt to be in the city during the week, December 2-7, we might have a conference and I would arrange to have representatives of the Congregational Boards there, also.

I am very sorry that we have not yet been able to get out the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Council. They are ready for distribution but it is necessary to have a letter to accompany them and that, owing to my absence, has not been accomplished. It is not easy to keep desk work going at the same time that one is filling speaking engagements.

With every cordial good wish and the hope that your conference on New Mexico may result in a forward movement there, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-LH.

Mrs. WILBUR P. THIRKIELD, President,
"The DeSoto," New Orleans, La.

Mrs. MAY LEONARD WOODRUFF,
Corresponding Secretary,
Allendale, N. J.

Woman's Home Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

Mrs. D. D. THOMPSON, Recording Secretary,
1629 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. H. C. JENNINGS, Treasurer,
740 Rush St., Chicago, Ill.

Allendale, N. J., Oct. 2, 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Upon returning home from the dedication of our Methodist Hostess House at Pointville, N. J. (Camp Dix) I found your letter of September 24th.

The consideration of Interdenominational interests in New Mexico would certainly prove beneficial to the Boards most concerned in missionary work there. I should be very glad to have the Bureau Secretary for our work there,(Mrs. Ward Platt, of East Aurora, N. Y.) meet with you and members of the Congregational Board to discuss these matters. While in Williamsport at our National Meeting, I will consult with Mrs. Platt and see whether she could not meet us in New York, some time during the Fall. It would not be possible for me to promise a date before November 22nd. Should this suggestion meet with your approval, I would be very glad to hear from you.

It was a real grief to me that I could not be present at the last meeting of the Council of Women. I hope to be more regular in my attendance this Winter, than last.

Thanking you for your good wishes, which I reciprocate, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Mary L. Woodruff.

M.L.W./B.

Jan'y 17-1919

September 24, 1918.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff,
Allendale, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff,

Ever since I went to New Mexico a year ago last spring there has been in the back of my mind the thought that possibly the day was not far distant when we of the Home Field should take some definite steps toward interdenominational work such as have been taken in many Foreign Fields. I have never taken this matter up with my own Board and it may be that I am going too far; on the other hand, I know from experience that someone must make a radical beginning and I am not at all sure but that I am the one in some cases to do this.

I visited the schools of the various denominations and found that in practically every instance the Missions Schools for Mexican boys and girls, especially the boarding schools, were more or less inadequate as to plant, faculty, etc., for the work that could be done if they were better equipped.

We have, I think you know, a shhool for Mexican boys at Albuquerque and a school for Mexican girls at Santa Fe. I am told that your Board is looking toward an enlargement of the Harwood School for girls at Albuquerque, the Congregationalists have some work down there, these three denominations being, I believe, the chief ones that are working for the Mexicans. Do you believe with me that the day has come when the representatives of these three Boards should get together and talk over the situation in New Mexico? Even though we may not be able to cooperate interdenominational schools, is it not possible that we can make a more effective distribution of the territory, at least should we all not look at the program from one standpoint? It will be necessary for us shortly to make some radical advance in our buildings — I do not want to see anything of that kind done until the whole territory has been discussed interdenominationally. My belief that all of this is possible has been emphasized by the new adjustment that the Southern Presbyterians and the Presbyterian Church, North, have made in Cuba. I want to emphasize that I have not taken this matter up with my own Board because I believe that you and the representative of the Congregational Board and myself should talk it over first, if you are interested enough to believe that even so much is possible.

With every good wish and very sincere regret that you could not be at the meeting of the Council of Women last week, believe me that I am

MKB-LH.
Dictated but not read.

Faithfully yours,

DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS
O. E. GODDARD
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL
MRS. J. W. DOWNS
SECRETARIES

BOARD OF MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
W. W. PINSON, GENERAL SECRETARY
810 BROADWAY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

E. H. RAWLINGS
MISS MABEL HOWELL
MISS ESTHER CASE
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES
C. G. HOUNSHELL
MRS. H. R. STEELE
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES
J. D. HAMILTON
MRS. F. H. E. ROSS
TREASURERS

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL
MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, PRESIDENT

February 21, 1919

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
140 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear friend:

I have been out of the office for several days, and have just returned to find your letter of recent date. Our Board conducts work among Mexicans in the following large centers:

Los Angeles, Calif. Settlement, containing clinic and church;
Nogales, Arizona New School for Mexicans;
El Paso, Texas, 2 large schools for Mexicans;
Laredo, Texas, Holding Institute, with 300 students enrolled;
San Antonio, Texas, Texas Methodist Mexican Institute, for boys;
and Wesley House, with social features;
Dallas, Texas, Wesley Chapel - Settlement
Ft. Worth, Texas, Wesley House--ministering to many Mexicans, as well as Bohemians, and Greeks.

The Woman's Missionary Council expended last year, on Latin-Americans $30,120.35. We are asking from the Centenary collections, $121,000 for enlarging our buildings, and extending our work among these people.

The churches are overlapping in their Mexican work as they have in Mountain work. I am hoping that the Council of Women for Home Missions may control this matter before it goes as far as we have in the mountain work.

I have written this hurridly, but trust that I have given you the desired information.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell

February 12, 1919.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. MacDonell,

I am very anxious to know what your denomination is doing -- if I do not seem too curious -- relative to work among the Mexicans. The Methodist, North, the Congregational, and the Presbyterian Woman's Boards are trying to readjust their work for those people in the Southwest on an interdenominational basis and we should be more than glad if at least for the consultations we might include your Board in order that we may all of us together map out the work to the best possible advantage.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH

S

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
[redacted], } *Corresponding*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. } *Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL L. LOOMIS, D. D. } *Associate*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY } *Secretaries*

LURA BEAM
Assistant Superintendent of Education
J. E. McAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

New York, March 18, *1919.*

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Following earlier tentative conferences there was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March sixth, a conference of representatives of the missionary agencies supporting mission boarding schools in New Mexico. There were present Mrs. F. S. Bennett and Mr. Marshall C. Allaben, representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Ward Platt and Miss Matthias, representing the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. C. W. Blanpied, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church; J. E. McAfee, representing the American Missionary Association.

It was agreed as the sense of the meeting that there should be a readjustment of the interests vested in mission boarding schools in New Mexico, the Menaul School for boys, Albuquerque; the Harwood College for boys, Albuquerque; the Harwood Industrial Institute for girls, Albuquerque; the Rio Grande Industrial Institute, co-educational, Albuquerque; the Allison-James School for girls, Santa Fe.

The conference requested that each of the agencies concerned in the support of these schools appoint two representatives to form a joint committee of conference to work out and present to the agencies concerned a plan of readjustment.

It was further urged that the earliest possible action be taken in this interest since budgets for the scholastic year must be drawn up very soon.

I may report that in pursuance of this action the American Missionary Association has already appointed two representatives, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Lucian C. Warner, and J. E. McAfee, Corresponding Secretary.

Acting as secretary of the conference in Albuquerque, I call this matter to your attention and would urge in behalf of all the agencies concerned the promptest possible attention on the part of your Board.

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. McAfee

April 2, 1919.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
237 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee,

Your letter of March 18th has lain on my desk for sometime as I did not return from the Southwest until the 27th.

The Women's Board of Home Missions will be represented in the conference relative to the School for Spanish speaking boys and girls at Albuquerque and Santa Fe by Mr. H. C. Allaben, the Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. F.S. Bennett, the President of the Board. I trust it is going to be possible to have a conference at an early date as Mr. Allaben leaves for Porto Rico on the 25th of April. I telephoned your office yesterday and found that you were out of town until the early part of next week. I wonder if it would be possible to call the meeting for the morning of either the 9th or 10th. Our Field executives come to New York on the 11th and will be here until the 22nd and during that time both Mr. Allaben and myself will be more than busy.

Awaiting further word from you, believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

President.

MKB/LEH

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
[redacted] } *Corresponding*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. } *Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL L. LOOMIS, D. D. } *Associate*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY } *Secretaries*

J. E. McAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

New York, April 14, *1919.*

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Yours of April twelfth is at hand. I note the dates you suggest for the conference on the Albuquerque situation. I am not surprised at your impatience at the delay. I can get no sign from the Woman's Methodist Board. The situation is further disconcerting in view of the information I receive indirectly that before the conference adjourned at Albuquerque, under the leadership of the Methodists, conference went on record as disapproving any effort to alter the status of the various schools at Albuquerque. This information may not be correct; I certainly hope it is not. But it is manifest that there are still difficulties before us in any attempt to carry out the program proposed.

I am making another attempt to get some word from the Woman's Methodist Board.

Very sincerely yours,

Christian Boarding
School at Santa Cruz
n Velarde

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD. D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. } *Corresponding*
JOSEPH ERNEST McAFEE } *Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL LANE LOOMIS, D. D. } *Associate*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY } *Secretaries*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

New York, April 18, 1919.

Schools for Negroes.

Colleges:

Fisk University,
Talladega College,
Tougaloo College,
Straight College,
Tillotson College.
Howard University
(Theological Department)

Secondary Schools.

ALABAMA:
Trinity School,
Burrell School,
Lincoln Normal,
Emerson Institute.

FLORIDA:
Fessenden Academy.

GEORGIA:
Knox Institute,
Dorchester Academy,
Ballard Normal,
Beach Institute,
Allen Normal.

KENTUCKY:
Chandler Normal.

NORTH CAROLINA:
Joseph K. Brick School,
Lincoln Academy,
Peabody Academy,
Gregory Institute.

SOUTH CAROLINA:
Avery Institute,
Brewer Normal.

TENNESSEE:
LeMoyne Institute.

VIRGINIA:
Gloucester Industrial.

Elementary Schools.

ALABAMA:
Cotton Valley School.

MISSISSIPPI:
Girls' Industrial (Moorhead),
Mount Hermon Seminary.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Yours of April fourteenth is at hand. I am sorry I can supply you no information about the Home Mission Volunteer Movement. The question has been discussed again and again. I was once a member of the committee of the Home Missions Council which would naturally have the matter in hand. I am not a member now. I suggest that you make inquiry of Dr. Anthony, who certainly will have record of whatever was done. The matter was discussed with interest, and, if I recall correctly, was referred to a standing committee of the Home Missions Council. I doubt if anything has been done. Have you noted the organization of a department for recruiting in connection with the Interchurch Movement under the leadership of Campbell White?

Let me take this opportunity to further our correspondence relative to the Albuquerque situation. At last I have word from Mrs. Woodruff in which she reports that the Methodist Woman's Board is interested and that they hope to appoint representatives at the meeting of the National Board of Trustees in Chicago on May 1!

What shall we do now? Shall we go ahead and have a conference here on one of the dates you have mentioned, or shall we wait until far in May?

In the meantime all of us must be making up budgets for the new year. We are in that process here now. The amount of money expended next year for the Rio Grande School at Albuquerque must be determined before a conference can be held including the Methodist women. I suppose the only thing we can do is to do the best we can.

Very sincerely yours,

F. E. McAfee

April 19, 1919.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee,

Your letter of April 14th is at hand. I think that there has been some mistake in the information given you that the Spanish Council at Albuquerque went on record as disapproving any effort to alter the status of the schools for Spanish speaking peoples in that community. I am sure that some of our people were at all the conferences straight through to the end and I have heard absolutely nothing of this fact. I think Mr. Donaldson of Menaul School would have known this had it been the case and as I have talked with him very much at length since then I feel sure that he knows nothing of it. I do not know how it would be possible for the Methodists to hold off in this matter in view of the fact that they are leading in the Inter-Church World Movement and are urging comity in the Mission Field.

I am much disturbed that we are not able to move more rapidly in this matter. Mr. Allaben leaves on the 26th for Porto Rico and I leave on the 29th for Cleveland and will be available very little after that until the 22nd or 23rd of May. Meanwhile it is imperative that we do something to relieve the situation at Albuquerque this summer and Mr. Donaldson is in New York now. Have you any definite plans in your mind as to Rio Grande and is it wise, in view of the fact that we cannot get the Methodists to get with us at present, to consult about the possibilities of Menaul and Rio Grande? Miss Buxton, the head of our school at Santa Fe, who is also in New York, tells me that when the representative of the Christian Church (you will probably recall Mr. Camp of Dayton, Ohio, who was at Albuquerque) went up to see their schools at Santa Cruz and Velardi, north of Santa Fe, he was very much interested and as a result of his visit it is expected in the neighborhood that the Christian Church will project a boarding school at either one of those places immediately. I am wondering if, as Secretary of our Committee, it would not be well if you could get into touch with Mr. Camp and suggest that they at least

Mr. J. E. McAfee. April 19, 1919.

await some kind of a survey and an adjustment of plans relative to the situation down there. It does seem as though it would be much too bad for them to proceed in this matter without any further consultation with any of us.

With all good wishes, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/H

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
[redacted], GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. } *Corresponding Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL L. LOOMIS, D. D., REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY } *Associate Secretaries*
LURA BEAM
Assistant Superintendent of Education
J. E. McAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

New York, May 8, *1919.*

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

At last all the representatives required have been appointed to sit upon the boarding school program in the Southwest. The earliest feasible date for the conference appears to be Thursday, June twelfth, and I am not sure that all can meet even that early. How will it be for you and Mr. Allaben? Can you make this date? Could you meet a week later in case the others could not be here sooner?

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. McAfee

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
[redacted] } *Corresponding Secretaries*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. }
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL L. LOOMIS, D. D. } *Associate Secretaries*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY }
LURA BEAM
Assistant Superintendent of Education
J. E. McAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

RECEIVED JUN 18 1919

New York, June 18, 1919.

INFORMATION [redacted]
E. L. Y.

Mr. M. C. Allaben,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Allaben:

The enclosed memorandum is self-explanatory. As stated, it has been found impossible to arrange for a date when all the conferees may be brought together during the present month or the summer. May we learn whether you can be in the vicinity of New York and Philadelphia during September?

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. McAfee
JS.

(Enclosure)

1919 June 10th

214

Preliminary Memorandum

For the Conferees named below

MISSION BOARDING SCHOOLS IN NEW MEXICO

The operation of four mission boarding schools for Mexican-Americans in Albuquerque, with a fifth at Santa Fe, ninety miles distant, has for some time been a matter of serious concern to missionary administrators. The situation prompted an informal conference in New York in January, 1919, when there were present Mrs. Woodruff and Mrs. Platt, Woman's Methodist Board; Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Allaben, Woman's Presbyterian Board; and J. E. McAfee, American Missionary Association. It was agreed that something should be done to alter the conditions, and a further conference was proposed to be held in Albuquerque, March 1919, in connection with the annual session of the Permanent Interdenominational Conference on Spanish-speaking Work in the Southwest.

At this March conference there were present all of those named above except Mrs. Woodruff, together with Miss Marsh, Woman's Methodist Board, and Dr. Blanpied, Methodist General Board. It was proposed after careful consideration that adjustments should be made through some interdenominational agreement, and each supporting board was requested to appoint two official representatives to go into the matter.

This request has now resulted in the following appointments by the agencies named:

Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Mrs. May L. Woodruff and Mrs. Ward Platt.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Home Missions: Mrs. F. S. Bennett and Mr. Marshall C. Allaben.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Bishop F. J. McConnell and Rev. Edward Laird Mills.

American Missionary Association: Dr. Lucien C. Warner and J. E. McAfee.

At the March conference I was asked to act as secretary and conduct the necessary correspondence in effecting the proposed official conference. This duty has been voluminously though not very successfully performed. Numerous dates have been proposed and each has been found impossible for some members. It seems to me apparent that we cannot make much headway along the present line. To hold a partial gathering of the group will only necessitate going over the whole ground again when the absentees can be brought in, ground which two informal conferences have already covered.

I am therefore venturing to adopt the present procedure in the

hope of making some progress before the millenium shall have forestalled our tardy efforts or the final doom shall have cracked and have rendered our effort scarcely less belated. Following is a proposal which has nobody's approval, but which is offered as a basis of thought and correspondence. If the several members of the conference will freely express their judgment, condemn it if they think proper and state why they do so, revise it, if they consider it worth the effort, or make any other proposals which they believe the situation calls for, I will undertake to digest or piece together the returns from all sources and draw up a memorandum which can at least be made the basis of intelligent discussion when it is found possible to bring the group of eight togehter.

It remains to be stated that Dr. Camp, Secretary of the United Brethren Board, projecting a limited work in New Mexico, is prepared to join in the conference if his presence is desired, as I think it should be.

P r o p o s e d,

Relative to educational work under missionary auspices in New Mexico:

1. That a Commission on Evangelical School and Community Work among Spanish-speaking population of New Mexico be organized and incorporated: (Limited to New Mexico because to extend the territory would involve bewildering complications and because workers and people are strongly inclined to think and act on a state basis.)

2. That to this Commission co-operating missionary agencies be invited to lease for a period of years their property now employed in educational work, without alienation of title except upon possible subsequent agreement;

3. That under the supervision of this Commission and under one budget and program there be conducted all school and community work in New Mexico, supported by the co-operating boards;

4. That the Commission be made up of appointees of the several co-operating boards, (executive officers or members and preferably also certain representatives resident in New Mexico), proportioned numbers to the amount invested by each in the property used and to amounts appropriated from year to year in the support of the joint budget;

5. That the program projected be so ordered as to avoid duplication of force and equipment and to cover the whole field of need within the state so far as available funds will permit;

6. That in the conduct of boarding schools, and of school and community work in the smaller towns and villages, the needs of the

people be served without sectarian discrimination, and that the forces co-operate with the established evangelical churches throughout the state without partiality;

7. That the Commission have power to extend or determine the character of the work to be done determining what professional training, if any, shall be furnished, and providing that young people shall be wisely selected from the towns and villages for attendance at the boarding schools, and, upon their return, effectively introduced into the life of the local churches and committed to useful citizenship.

Please let me repeat that nobody is sponsor for this proposal. It calls for no official action or recognition. It is offered in the hope that it will call forth correspondence and lead to the preparation of data on which the official conference when it can be arranged shall at least begin. There seems no possible date for the conference before next fall.

Could you be in New York or Philadelphia during September?

It is of course manifest that no action can be taken which will materially modify the program of the various schools during the school year which opens next fall. We shall need to hasten if plans are perfected for the school year of 1920-21.

J. E. McAfee

July 8, 1919.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee,

I have at hand your suggested plan for an interdenominational commission on work in New Mexico or among the Spanish speaking populations of the Southwest and have been very interested in it. I think I am not prepared to express an opinion of it as yet but am at least interested therein.

I am, however, writing at this time relative to the possibilities of a conference in the early fall. A good many of us will have to go to Oklahoma City on the 24th, 25th and 26th of September for the Indian Conference. Do you suppose there would be enough of our group going there to make it possible to have a conference on the New Mexican work at that time? I shall be in the vicinity of New York previous to going to Oklahoma City but on the return trip will probably have to make one or two stops and so do not expect to be in New York again until about the 10th of October. I am giving you these dates thus early in the hope that somewhere and somehow this much postponed and very necessary conference can be held.

Believe me that I am, with every good wish for success,

Very sincerely yours,

MKB-H

Dictated but
not read.

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
[redacted] } *Corresponding*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. } *Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL L. LOOMIS, D. D. } *Associate*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY } *Secretaries*

J. E. McAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

New York, July 10, *1919.*

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Yours of July eighth is at hand. I have not enough returns from the others to say what day in September will be feasible for a meeting. I am almost sure that the group cannot assemble in Oklahoma City. I cannot be there nor can the other representative of the American Missionary Association. I very much doubt if either of the Methodist General Board's representatives can be there. Our previous conferences have faltered and failed because we did not have a complete representation. I think by every hook and crook that we should gain a full representation at the next conference.

I hope to be able to report something further as soon as other representatives of the group are heard from.

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. McAfee

For / W. Allaker

214

August 26, 1919.

Bishop F. J. McConnell,
964 Logan Street,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Bishop McConnell,

You doubtless know the history of the Conferences that have been held by representatives of the Home Mission agencies of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian denominations with the view to securing some adjustments in the school work among Spanish-American children with special reference to work among boys at Albuquerque, New Mexico. A group of us met at Albuquerque on March 6, 1919, and I think agreed that it was unfortunate to have in one city three denominational schools for boys, no one of which was well equipped for effective service, and that some agreement should be reached where there might be established a strong interdenominational school, or by which one denomination should become responsible for the work and make adequate preparation to care for it.

The schools for Spanish-American boys then in Albuquerque were:-

1. Harwood School for boys - Methodist Episcopal
   60 acres of land
   36 - capacity
   4 - workers
   10 - grades

   was about full at that time

2. Rio Grande School under the American Missionary Association
   200 acres of land
   60 - capacity
   28 - attendance
   9 - workers
   10 - grades
   this school has since been closed.

3. Menaul School under Woman's Board of Home Missions of Presbyterian Church
   300 acres of land
   125 - capacity - full
   12 - workers
   Through 12th grade

Your school and ours are less than a mile apart. Ours was opened in 1896 - I do not know when yours was established.

Bishop F. J. McConnell. August 26, 1919.

At the Conference all seemed to agree that the situation was bad but so few there present had any authority that it was impossible to get shaped a recommendation to be submitted to the various Boards. Mr. McAfee was made Secretary of the Conference and was given power to secure the appointment of authorized representatives and to call a meeting. I believe that you, with Mr. Mills, now represent the Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church. Mr. McAfee has made repeated attempts to secure another Conference, but it has not been possible to find a date satisfactory to the majority. Meanwhile, the Presbyterians at least find themselves much embarrassed, and it is for that reason that I am now writing you personally, - trusting that as our Boards seem the only ones concerned in this particular field that I may not seem to have infringed on the scope of work of the informal conference.

For some time the Woman's Board of Home Missions has been looking forward to the physical rehabilitation of Menaul School and the money is in hand for the immediate undertaking of this project. The war made it impossible for us to proceed with it at an earlier date. Our plans were spoken of at the March Conference.

Meanwhile we hear unofficially that your Board has set aside a large sum of money for building up the Harwood School for Boys at Albuquerque and is planning to proceed therewith soon. I am sure we would agree that in view of the present efforts toward cooperation rather than competition in the Mission fields, two large schools less than a mile apart would seem to make of no effect interdenominational Conferences.

Our information as to your plans may not be correct, but nevertheless it seems desirable that our Boards should talk this situation over together. Are you to be in New York at an early date? A personal conference would be more satisfactory than letters, I am sure.

Doubtless you know that Mr. Blanfield represented your Board at the March Conference.

Trusting that we may be able to find a satisfactory path of comity, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

President.

MKB-H

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D., } *Corresponding*
J. E. McAFEE, } *Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL LANE LOOMIS. D. D., } *Associate*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY. } *Secretaries*
LURA BEAM,
Assistant Superintendent of Education

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY, 3622

New York, September 26. *1919.*

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am conscious that you are absent in Kansas but I lay this memorandum on your desk to await your return.

We certainly have experienced vicissitudes in arranging for the conference of board representatives relative to the Albuquerque situation. I have not been able to get response from the representatives of the Methodist General Board. Bishop McConnell, after a considerable time, replied to my letter that he could not be here during September. He stated it is possible he will be in these parts during October. I have been able to get no reply from Dr. Mills. The last letter forwarded to an address applied us by the Methodist Board returned to us unopened.

Now, what are the prospects for a conference in October? Can you and Mr. Allaben be here? Shall I pursue the matter further?

It has just now been decided that I shall not continue permanently in the service of the A. M. A. I shall probably be here until January first. I very much wish to get this matter cleared up before that time if possible. Would you counsel my appealing to Dr. Forsyth of the Methodist Board asking for a different appointment from his Board, or shall I still pursue the effort to get Bishop McConnell and Dr. Mills here together when the other members of the group can also be here? The question of immediate importance is, Will you and Mr. Allaben be available in these parts on some day during October?

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. McAfee

September 30, 1919.

Rev. J. E. McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee,

I am to be in New York all of October except the 6th - 9th and 22nd - 27th. Mr. Allaben is West now but I believe returns about the 15th so after that date it might be possible for us to get together on the Albuquerque situation.

At Mr. Allaben's request I wrote Bishop McConnell some weeks ago, asking him if it were true that they were going to put a large amount of money in their Harwood School as were it so, we should not go on with the Menaul School situation as we were planning but my letter was never answered. I do not know whether they do not wish to co-operate or what it is but it certainly is most difficult.

I think it would be very wise to appeal to Dr. Forsyth in the matter and I am wonddering whether he himself would not come to a conference.

I am sorry to know that you are leaving the A.M.A. This was news to me when I read it in your letter.

With every cordial good wish, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-H

President.

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
[redacted], GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. } *Corresponding Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL L. LOOMIS, D. D., REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY } *Associate Secretaries*
LURA BEAM
Assistant Superintendent of Education
J. E. McAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

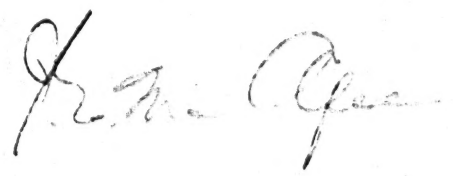
New York, October 15, *1919.*

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have been pushing further correspondence with Dr. Forsyth of the Methodist Board in the hope of bringing about the proposed conference on the Albuquerque situation. He now reports that Bishop McConnell has doubtless returned to Denver. He says that Dr. Mills, the other representative of his Board, instead of coming on here on the sixteenth as he had formerly announced, is now expected not earlier than the thirty-first of this month. So we are stuck again. What would you advise? Shall I press the request that he secure the appointment of other representatives from his Board who may be more accessible?

Very sincerely yours,



October 20, 1919.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee:

I confess I am rather discouraged about the Albuquerque situation. I think the only hope is to take the matter up again with Dr. Forsyth. How do you interpret Bishop McConnell's attitude? Do you think it means that he does not propose to cooperate and does not wish to be forced to say so? I wonder if Dr. Forsyth who is in New York often would not meet us and talk over the situation. I shall be away from the 22nd to the 27th and engaged until the 31st of this month but Mr. Allaben is in New York and probably could be reached almost any time.

Trusting that some solution may be reached in this soon believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
[redacted], D. D. } *Corresponding Secretaries*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D. }
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL L. LOOMIS, D. D. } *Associate Secretaries*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY }
LURA BEAM
Assistant Superintendent of Education
J. E. McAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY 3622

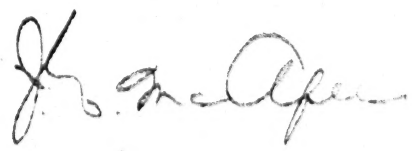
New York, October 21, *191* 9.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Yours of October 20 is at hand. I shall write Dr. Forsyth, suggesting the substitution for his Board of more accessible representatives. I feel inclined to persist in the matter, though I have long since felt a kind of hopelessness. One is often called upon to hope even against hopelessness. I will let you know what happens further.

Very sincerely yours,



November 21, 1919.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee:

I am just home from Pittsburg where I had a talk with Bishop McConnell about Albuquerque. The situation there seems to be complicated so far as Methodists are concerned, at least by local opinion and just now it seems impossible to make any adjustments. Bishop McConnell did not understand that they were to put a large amount of money in there but said he would know definitely at a meeting of the Board to be held in a couple of weeks and would write me then. This seems to leave the matter about where it was but when I am in New York some day I want to talk with you about the whole situation relative to Menaul and your Rio Grande school property.

I was extremely sorry to know that you were not well and hope that you are fully yourself again.

With every cordial good wish believe me that I am

Sincerely yours,

MKB-ES

File under Albuquerque

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D., } *Corresponding*
J. E. McAFEE, } *Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL LANE LOOMIS. D. D., } *Associate*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY. } *Secretaries*
LURA BEAM,
Assistant Superintendent of Education

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY, 3622

New York, November 24, *19* 19.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Yours of November 21 is at hand. I am glad to have your letter with some rays of light upon the Albuquerque situation. I know the Methodist leaders in that region confidently expect the investment of $200,000. from Methodist sources. The impression prevails also in Albuquerque generally. I received a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trade which reflects it. At the conference we attended, an agent of the Methodist church who had recently returned from Iowa reported that the Iowa Methodists had undertaken to invest this sum in Albuquerque as a feature of their centenary program.

I shall welcome the opportunity to talk with you over the matter of the Menaul and Rio Grande schools. I shall not long be in a position to help in the development of these policies, but I should like to help the Executive Committee here to some clear insight upon the situation.

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. McAfee

M-W.

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D., } *Corresponding*
J. E. McAFEE, } *Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL LANE LOOMIS. D. D., } *Associate*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY. } *Secretaries*
LURA BEAM,
Assistant Superintendent of Education

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY, 3622

New York, December 26, *19* 19.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Let me lay upon you again the charge to push the Albuquerque situation. I have failed to accomplish anything, and am now impotent, but something ought to be done. The A. M. A. has closed its boarding school for the year. Policies down there should not be left in the air any longer. If the general scramble is to continue, probably the A. M. A. will re-open next fall and join with more than the old vigor. Somebody will carry the big load on his conscience. Do you not anticipate that something can be done at the time of the meeting of the Home Missions Councils? I shall perhaps be hanging about, and can join in a conference informally if that will help, but somebody should now make a move who is in a position to back up his effort.

With the heartiest season's greetings, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

M-W.

J. E. McAfee

December 29, 1919.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee:

I had hoped to see you before you left your office but when I telephoned over once or twice, you were not there and I have been so busy that it has not been possible to make many efforts toward getting into touch with you, but I do want to assure you that I shall push the Albuquerque situation. I am not satisfied at all with it and propose to stay on the job for an indefinite period of time. I am rather hoping that when we get to Atlantic City for the World Survey Conference, January 7th to 10th, it may be possible to get into touch with some of those interested and suggest that it might be well for us to put into practice some of the theories that we shall be expounding down there. There will, as you suggest, be another chance the following week at the meeting of the Home Missions Councils. Will Dr. Cady have charge of this matter for the A. M. A. or with whom should one take it up? I am sorry that we have not been able to push it for I am sure that we could have seen eye to eye.

With every cordial good wish for 1920 that it may bring peace and happiness to you and yours believe me that I am always

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I wonder if you have seen anywhere that the Education Board of the South Baptist Convention is proposing to give New Mexico one hundred thousand dollars to the Baptist College? The location of this seems as yet to be uncertain. To add to the gaiety of nations, it should be placed at Albuquerque.

The American Missionary Association

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D. D., *Honorary Secretary and Editor*
GEORGE L. CADY, D. D., } *Corresponding*
J. E. McAFEE, } *Secretaries*
IRVING C. GAYLORD, *Treasurer*
SAMUEL LANE LOOMIS. D. D., } *Associate*
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY. } *Secretaries*
LURA BEAM,
Assistant Superintendent of Education

287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
Telephone, GRAMERCY, 3622

New York, December 31, 19 9.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Yours of December 29 is at hand in further discussion of the Albuquerque situation. Yes, Dr. Cady will naturally be interested in such a conference as may be held. The secretary in charge of the Missions Department will eventually be chosen for such conferences doubtless, but he has not been selected, and it is uncertain how soon the Committee will act.

I hope something can be done at Atlantic City. I shall not be there. I am not certain about Dr. Cady. I shall attend one or two of the meetings of the Home Missions Council, but that cannot be on the first day. The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the A. M. A. occurs then.

No, I had not observed the announced intention of the Southern Baptist Convention to establish a college in New Mexico. Be sure it will land in Albuquerque eventually. Things like this must happen now and then to revive our jaded sense of humor.

With best wishes for the New Year,
I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
J. E. McAfee, S.

Feb. 25, 1919.

Miss Belle H. Bennett,
Richmond, Ky.

Your letter received. Interdenominational Spanish Council of Southwest meets Albuquerque, March 6, 7, 8. Representatives Methodist North, Congregational and Presbyterian Boards to be present looking toward establishing work on interdenominational basis. Cannot your Board send delegates to meet with us? Feel this most important occasion.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, PRESIDENT,
RICHMOND, KY.

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, GEN'L TREASURER,
NASHVILLE, TENN.

missionary Council

Woman's ~~Home Mission Society~~.

MRS. R. W. McDONELL, GEN'L SECRETARY,
NASHVILLE, TENN.

MISS MARY HELM, EDITOR "OUR HOMES,"
NASHVILLE, TENN.

Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Commit thy *way* unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Ps. 37-5.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Ps. 37-6.

Commit thy *works* unto the Lord, and thy purposes shall be established. Prov. 16-3.

Cooperation in
Richmond, Ky. Albuquerque -

February twenty one- 1913

Mrs. Fred Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,-

I hope you knew that my failure to get to New York for either the Foreign Missions Conference and other January meetings, as well as for the Interchurch World meeting at Yonkers, was because I was a "flu" victim. I think my keenest regret in this was that I was missing the promised opportunity of talking with you on the subject of interdenominational or union work in the homeland, especially for the Mexicans, and other foreign peoples on the Mexican border.
I believe the time has fully arrived when we should not only consider this method of work, but adopt it. We all know that it is not easy of administration nor always satisfactory, but if it can be done in the foreign lands, it can assuredly be done, and in a better way, in the homeland.

During my visit to Louisiana, Texas and Arizona, recently, I was greatly astonished to find that nearly or quite one third of the population of Texas was practically a foreign born people.
Immediately on this side of the Rio Grande river, there are now,

600,000 Mexicans,
300,000 Germans, (above these)
150,000 Italians " "
85,000 Bohemians " "

These nationalities are practically colonized. Very many of them are land owners, with good homes, large families, and American citizens. They are of course, largely Roman Catholic, but the life of the priesthood is so openly and flagrantly immoral, the men are breaking loose from their birthright religion, and becoming skeptical or agnostic. I would like to tell you of conditions in the farther Southwestern portion of the country, but I am sure your time is too valuable for letter reading of the length it would require to do this.

A recent letter from New York says that a meeting for the consideration of union work, by the denominations now having established missions among the Mexicans and other alien people, has been called to meet in Alberqueque, New Mexico, in the near future. The Secretaries of our Womans' Council, from Nashville, write me they have heard nothing of it. My letter from New York was not official

so I am writing you to know if such a meeting has been held, or will be, in the near future.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very sincerely, Bella H. Bennett

BHB- EKO

DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIES
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL
MRS. J. W. DOWNS

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY
MRS. HUME R. STEELE

HOME BASE SECRETARY
MRS. B. LIPSCOMB

EDITOR LEAFLETS & YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER
MISS SARA ESTELLE HASKIN

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIES
MISS MABEL HOWELL
MISS ESTHER CASE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

PRESIDENT
MISS BELLE H. BENNETT
RICHMOND, KY.

TREASURER
MRS. F. H. E. ROSS
NASHVILLE, TENN.

Richmond, Ky.
January eleven- 1919

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.,

My dear Mrs. Bennett,-

I have just returned from my long and strenuous five weeks travel and investigation in the Southwestern states of our country. Nearly one third of the population of the great state of Texas is a mass of un-Americanized foreigners;-
600,000 Mexicans,
300,000 Germans,
150,000 Italians,
85,000 Bohemians.
These people, even the Mexicans seem to have come to this country to remain, and many of them have bought and paid for homes, farms, and factories and are making good in a material way. They are largely Roman Catholic, and only a minimum of Protestant work is being done among them. This is only just a bit of information with regard to what I have been doing, that you may understand why I have not responded to either of the very interesting communications that came to my home from your office while I was gone.

I had hoped to be at home for the remainder of this month, having decided not to attend the New York meetings this year. Yesterday, a wire came from Miss Mabel Howell, one of our Secretaries, saying there was critical illness in her family, and it would be imperative for me to go to the Foreign Missions meeting at New Haven and to attend the meeting of the Committee on the establishment of a Womans' Union Medical College in Shanghai, China. I am therefore preparing to be in New York Tuesday morning, and will hope to see you sometime during the week I shall probably be there.

With best wishes for a New Year, full of blessings for you,
I am,

Very sincerely,

Belle H. Bennett

BHB- EKO

December 9, 1918.

Miss Belle Bennett,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Bennett,

I have just learned that you have gone to the Southwest to look over the territory there with the view of establishing schools for Mexican boys and girls. In view of some plans that are afoot, I am taking the liberty of writing you at once and of asking that your office forward this letter promptly to you.

As you doubtless know, there are in the Southwest, especially in New Mexico, various denominational schools for Mexican boys and girls. In this day when the whole trend is toward interdenominationalism, we should be showing our faith by establishing in the Home land at strategic centers interdenominational schools on a plan similar to that which is being carried out in various Foreign Fields. A conference has already been called in New York for January 17, at which representatives of the M.E. North, The Congregational Board and the Presbyterian North will consider the possibility of putting the work among Mexicans on a better basis by uniting our forces. The date has been chosen as so many will be in New York at the time of the Annual meeting of the Council of Women which will be held January 14, 15 and 16. I very much trust that as both the Council and the Federation will be meeting that week and the Garden City Conference will also be held that you will be in New York and as you are considering work for the Mexicans, I wonder if we might not ask you to consider this with us.

I shall be very glad to hear from you relative to this matter and I remain, with every cordial good wish,

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LH.

Rev. S. G. Inman, D.D.
Committee on Cooperation in Latin America,
25 Maddison Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

Rev. Edwin R. Brown, 1254 Royal Court, Los Angeles, Calif.
General Missionary among Mexicans in Southwestern United States,
under The American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Rev. J. H. Heald, D.D. Albuquerque, N. M.
Supt., American Missionary Association,
" Cong'l Home Missionary Society, Arizona, New Mexico & West Texas.

Sec'y J. E. Malfee,
Cor. Secretary American Missionary Association,
287 Fourth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

Rev. & Mrs. E. T. Cornelius, Eagle Pass, Texas.
Representing Christian Womans Board of Missions (Deciples).

Rev. D. A. Benford,
708 East Central Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Representing Episcopical Church under Bishop Honden.

Rev. Seneca B. Garcia, Sunday School Missionary. Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Rev. Vincente Mendoza, Sunday School Missionary, 336 Garfield St., Santa Ana, Cal.
in California, Mexico M. E. Church.

Rev. S. Alonzo Bright, D.D.
District Superintendent M. E. Church,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Rev. H. A. Bassett, D.D.
Albuquerque, N. M.
Methodist - President, Albuquerque College.

Rev. Charles W. Blanpied, D.D.
Bureau of Foreign Speaking Work,
Board of Home Mission and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal
Church.

Miss Jennie Mathias, Los Angeles, Calif.
Supt., of Francis De Pauw School, M. E.,

Mrs. Mary E. Johnston,
Supt. of Harwood School,
405 North 14th Street, Albuquerque, N. M.

Rev. A. G. Axtell,
Supt. Rio Grande Industrial School,
Box 595, Albuquerque, N. M.

Rev. Vernon M. McCombs, D.D.
Supt. of Latin American Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church,
901-902 Wright & Callender Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.

Rev. A. L. Bowman, Pastor
Central Avenue Methodist Church,
Albuquerque, N. M.

Rev. J. A. Phillips, Supt.
Eastern District, Western Mexican Mission,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mrs. L. P. Smith,
Member of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council
and member of the Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South.

Rev. J. C. Jones, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Presiding Elder, M. E. Church, South.

Rev. J. T. Redmon, Pastor,
M. E. Church, South, Clovis, N. M.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian
Church, United States America,
#156 5th Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

Rev. John T. Ewart,
Pastor-Evangelist Ptesbytery of Pueblo, Synod of Colorado.

Supt. M. C. Allaben,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.
Supt. of Field Works, Woman's Board of Home Missions, of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

H. C. Donaldson, Supt.,
Menaul School, Albuquerque, N. M.

Rev. P. M. Camp, D. D.
General H. M. Secretary, United Brethern Church,
Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. Lawrence Reynolds, President,
Lydia Patterson Institute, (Under Auspices M. E. Church, South)
504 South Florence Street, El Paso, Texas.

Rev. J. A. Phillips, Supt.,
Eastern District, Western Mexican Mission, M. E. Church, South,
Roswell, New Mexico.

F. Guy Heslet, Teacher
Albuquerque College,
Box 75, Albuquerque, N. M.

Rev. A. B. Case, D.D., Pmona, Calif.,
Supt. Spanish Work for Southern Calif., Congregational Conference.

Rev. Robt. N. McLean, D.D. Fied Representative,
404 Columbia Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.
Representing Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Rev. Harlan Page Cory,
Synodical Missionary for the Presbyterian Church in Arizona,
Webb, Arizona.

Rev. B. A. Hodges, Temple, Texas.
Representing Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Mrs. L. E. Tryyer, General Worker,
Spanish Missions, Southern Calif., jointly appointed by Woman's Home
Missions, Supt., Hime Missions Southern California Convention.

Mrs. J. T. Heald,
424 South Edith Street, Albuquerque, N. M.
(Wife of Superintendent Congregationalist).

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
~~2k~~ #156 5th Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

Mrs. Ward Platt,
c/o 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill., (Before April 15th).
Other address 161 Walnut St., East Aurora, N. Y.,
Bureau Secretary Spanish Work in Southwest, Woman's Home Missionary Society, M. E. Church, "Harwood School".

Mrs. C. O. Beckman,
Rev. C. O. Beckman, Pastor,
First M. E. Church.
Albuquerque, N. M.

Hon. Oconcinio V. Lucero,
Santa Fe, N. M.

Rev. Jose Venecia[illegible],
El Paso, Texas.

Harwood Industrial School, (Girls)
Mrs. Mary E. Johnston,
Miss M. J. Tripp,
" Bessie Gulick
" Edna Locke
" Amay Osmond
" Velma Carley
" E. L. Rowen

Miss E. Jean Gram
Trustee, Woman's Home Mission Society, M. E. Church

Rev. F. M. Moya, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

April 12, 1919.

Rev. Mr. Axtell,
Rio Grande Industrial School,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My dear Mr. Axtell,

You will recall that I sent you on March 15th names for representatives of the Woman's Board of Home Missions on the Survey Committees under the Inter-Church World Movement. Having been asked to name a representative of each of the states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, I named -

Mrs. W. B. Preston, Teague, Texas
Miss Esther W. Buxton, c/o Allison-James School,
Santa Fe, N.M.

To these I would now like to add the names --

Mr. M. L. Girton, Supt. of Indian Training School,
Escuela, Arizona - 4 miles from Tucson
Miss Julia Fraser, 2014 Fifth Ave., Oakland, Cal.

Trusting that these meet with the approval of the Committee, believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

President.

MKB/ LH

Sent also to:

Miss Esther W. Buxton,
Allison-James School,
Santa Fe, N.M.

Mr. M. L. Girton,
Indian Training School,
Escuela, via Tucson,
Arizona.

Miss Julia Fraser,
2014 Fifth Ave.,
Oakland, Cal.

April 12, 1919.

Mrs. W. B. Preston,
Teague, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Preston,

During the early part of March there was held at Albuquerque, N.M., the seventh annual meeting of the Interdenominational group which is concerned with work among the Spanish speaking people of the Southwest. This was the first year when the Woman's Board of Home Missions was represented at that Council. Those of us who were present at the meetings felt that we should have in the future a very close relationship to the Council and we were very glad when we were asked to name from each state in the Southwest a member of the State Survey Committee which is to be erected under the Inter-Church World Movement. It has given me a great pleasure to name you as the representative of the Woman's Board on this body.

I do not yet know the other members nor the chairman. The names have gone from me to the Secretary of this Interdenominational Council, Rev. Mr. Axtell, Rio Grande Industrial School, Albuquerque, N.M., and I do not know from whom you will receive the communication.

I am sure that you know of the Inter-Church World Movement - at least in a general way. A new folder is being prepared at this time and I will send you so soon as it is in print copies of this in order that you may acquaint yourself fully with the plans and purposes of this Movement.

With every good wish to you personally, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

AKB/LEH

President.

May 3, 1919. Folder sent to above four people.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
(CONGREGATIONAL)
PORTO RICAN MISSION
EVANGELICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICE. A. G. AXTELL, SUPERINTENDENT
FAJARDO, PORTO RICO

RIO GRANDE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
A. G. AXTELL, ACTING PRINCIPAL

P. O. BOX 595
TELEPHONE 2406R2

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

April 19th, 1919

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received.

None has been received under date of March 15th, as your letter would indicate. I cannot account for this, but such is the case. I presume, however, that this letter of the 12th is sufficient, since it gives the former and present list of your representatives. Its request will be complied with. I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a list of attendants at the Council.

Sincerely yours,
A. G. Axtell
Secretary

Date January 29, 1919.

Station

Party

1919

In re NEW MEXICO INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION

That the Board approve in principle the plan for the interdenominational establishment, ~~of~~ support and control of two strong schools in northern New Mexico, one for boys and the other for girls, to take the place of schools now being maintained in that section by the Methodists, Congregationalists, and the Presbyterians and that the President of the Board and the Superintendent of Schools be empowered to represent the Board on this subject in the Interdenominational Spanish American Conference to be held in Albuquerque in March with the understanding that all details and arrangements are to be formulated subject to the Board's approval.

Date

In re

Approved by Woman's Board

Date Feb. 3 191 9

Secretary

Authorized
Date of Grant } 191

Amount

Approved

Clerk of the Board

Mexican Field

Agua Negra, Holman, New Mexico.	Day School, 2 teachers, 59 pupils, 3 lots, 1 brick schoolhouse, 1 brick teachers' home.
Alice Hyson Mission, Ranches of Taos, N.M.	Day School, 3 teachers, 64 pupils, 1 lot 1 brick church building, 1 brick schoolhouse and dwelling.
Allison-James School, Santa Fe, N.M.	Boarding and day school for girls, 88 pupils 7 teachers, 5 matrons, 15 acres, 1 brick school-house, 1 brick laundry and hospital, 2 brick dormitories, 1 brick barn.
Embudo Hospital Embudo, Dixon, N.M.	Cottage hospital, 1 nurse in charge, 1 matron, 1 lot, 1 brick hospital, 1 brick barn
El Prado de Taos Taos, N.M.	Day School, 31 pupils, 1 teacher, 3 acres 1 chapel schoolhouse - brick, 1 barn and woodhouse - frame.
El Rito, Chacon, N.M.	Day School, 60 pupils, 2 teachers, 1 lot 1 brick schoolhouse, 1 brick church building 1 dwelling - brick
Embudo, Dixon, N.M.	Day School, 76 pupils, 2 teachers, 1 lot 1 brick schoolhouse and home
Forsythe Memorial School Los Angeles, Cal.	Boarding School for girls (Mexican) 80 pupils, 4 teachers, 3 matrons, 6 lots, 1 schoolhouse and dormitory frame covered with stucco.
John Hyson Mission Chimayo, N.M.	Day School, 64 pupils, 2 teachers, 2 lots 1 chapel schoolhouse, brick, 1 brick teachers' home, 1 frame barn
Menaul School, Albuquerque, N.M.	Boarding School for boys, 152 pupils 8 teachers, 4 matrons, 210 acres, 1 chapel schoolhouse, 1 frame cottage, 1 frame teachers home, 1 brick dormitory and schoolhouse, 1 hospital - brick, 1 laundry-brick, 1 brick gymnasium, 1 frame dwelling and dining, 1 concrete hall, 1 brick hall, 1 garage, 1 brick storeroom and heating plant
San Juan, Colorado	Day School, 1 teacher, 39 pupils
Rincones Medical Station Penasco, N.M.	1 doctor in charge 1/2 acre

Mexican Field (cont)

Trementina, New Mexico	Day School, 45 pupils, 1 headworker
Truchas, N.M.	Day School, 46 pupils, 2 teachers 1 community worker, 2 lots, 1 brick chapel schoolhouse, 1 brick teachers' home.

SPANISH SPEAKING

Baptist	1.	Arizona	- Yuma	- Evangelistic	1 missionary
	2.	Calif.	- San Diego	- "	1 "
	3.	"	- Los Angeles	- "	2 "
	4.	"	- Santa Barbara	- "	1 "
	5.	"	- Fresno	- "	1 "
	6.	"	- San Pedro	- "	1 "
Christian Disciples	7.	Texas	- San Antonio	- Mexican Institute, evangelistic	
	8.	"	- Eagle Pass	- " Orphanage, "	
	9.	"	- Sabinal	-	"
	10.	"	- Lockhart	-	"
	11.	"	- Robstown	-	"
Methodist	12.	N.M.	- Albuquerque	- Girls' boarding and day school	
	13.	Ariz.	- Tucson	- " " school	
	14.	Texas	- El Paso	- Settlement House (Girls) evangelistic	
Methodist South	15.	Texas	- Laredo	- Co-ed boarding school	
	16.	Ariz.	- Nogales	- " " day school	
See details	17.	Texas	- Dallas	- Settlement	
	18.	Calif.	- Los Angeles	- Clinic and settlement	
	19.	Texas	- San Antonio	- "	
Presbyterian	20.	New M.	- Holman (Agua Negra)	- Day School	
	21.	" "	- Ranches of Taos	- " " and community station	
	22.	" "	- Santa Fe	- Girls' boarding and day school	
	23.	" "	- Dixon (Embudo)	- Day School, Hospital	
	24.	" "	- El Prado de Taos	- " "	
	25.	" "	- Chacon (El Rito)	- " "	
	26.	Calif	- Los Angeles	- Girls' Boarding school	
	27.	N.M.	- Chimayo	- Day School, community station	
	28.	" "	- Albuquerque	- Boys' boarding school	
	29.	Colorado	- San Juan	- Day School	
	30.	N.M.	- Penasco (Rincones)	- Medical station	
	31.	" "	- Trementina	- Day School, hospital	
	32	" "	- Truchas	- " " community station	
United Brethren		N.M.	- Santa Cruz	- Girls Boarding school, evangelistic	
		" "	- Velarde	- Boys' " " "	
		" "	- Alcalde	- Day School, evangelistic, medical	

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL
REV. CHARLES L. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT
REV. RALPH WELLES KEELER
RECORDING SECRETARY
WILLIAM T. DEMAREST, TREASURER
REV. ALFRED WILLIAMS ANTHONY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

Home Missions Council
AND
Council of Women for Home Missions
THE EVANGELICAL DENOMINATIONS THROUGH
THEIR NATIONAL BOARDS AND SOCIETIES
156 FIFTH AVENUE - NEW YORK CITY

COUNCIL OF WOMEN
FOR HOME MISSIONS
MRS. FRED S. BENNETT, PRESIDENT
MRS. PHILIP M. ROSSMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY
MRS. ORRIN R. JUDD, TREASURER
MISS FLORENCE E. QUINLAN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 25, 1921

Dear Friend:

The Annual Meeting of the Permanent Interdenominational Council on Spanish Speaking Work in the Southwest is to be held in San Antonio, Texas, December 13-15, 1921.

As arranged by the Committee in charge of the program, Dr. J/ A. Phillips, Chairman, 301 W. Tilden Street, Roswell, N.M., the following tentative program has been outlined:

Tuesday evening, December 13
Address: An Account of the Genesis and Work of this Council Dr. Robert N. McLean.
Address: How May We Bring the Strength of Protestantism to Bear on the Local Mexican Populations--Dr. H. A. Bassett.

Wednesday morning, December 14
Organisation--appointment of committees.
Address: Cooperation Among Local Mexican Churches and Pastors; Sunday School Teacher Training, Exchange of Pulpits, Distribution of Literature, etc. etc.
Address: An Interdenominational Training School for Workers and Preachers
Address: State Sunday-school Conventions. Where? How Many? How organize them?
Address: Unoccupied Territory.

Wednesday Afternoon, December 14
Address: What Shall Be Our Attitude to Romanism? Rev. F. S. Onderdonk.
Visit Peoples' Institute, Wesley House, Wesleyan Institute, Mexican Churches; Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Pentecostal.

Wednesday Night, December 14. Teachers' Night
Address: How May We Aid in Securing Teachers for Mexican Publicxk Schools? Dr. Vernon McCombs
Address: A Standard Sunday School Curriculum for Teacher Training in our Mission Schools and Churches. Dr. J. M. Skinner, Laredo.
Address: Goals of the Mission School. Dr. J.W.Skinner, Kingsville, Texas.

Thursday morning, December 15
Address: A Monthly Magazine of Messages to Christians and to Friends of Evangelical Christianity-Dr. J.H.Heald
Address: The Preparation, Publication and Circulation of Tracts for the Unconverted--Mrs. E. Fuller

Thursday morning(continued

Address: Syndicating Articles on Missionary Problems-Rev. Rodney W. Roundy.

Address: A Body of Literature in Spanish for Missionaries and Spanish-American Preachers--Dr. S. G. Inman.(This may be a paper sent by Dr. Inman in case he cannot attend.)

Thursday Afternoon, December 15

Reports and Discussions: Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Bible Colportage, Orphanage, Community Centers, Occupation of Territory, State Education for Mexicans, etc. ecte.

Business Session: Reports of Committees. Election of Officers for Ensuing Year. Selection of Next Place of Meeting.

Thursday Night, December 15

The Rural Mexican Problem--

The City Mexican Problem--

Our Message to the Mexicans of the United States--

You will notice that a number of places are left vacant for speakers. If you have any suggestions please forward them to Rev. J. A. Phillips, 301 W. Tilden Street, Roswell, N. M. It is hoped that your Board will be thoroughly represented not only by its field representative and as many of its missionaries as possible, but also by someone directly responsible to your Board as secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Rodney W. Roundy

Associate Secretary

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL

Jessie E. Ingman

Executive Secretary

RWR/JRC

COUNCIL OF WOMEN FOR HOME MISSIONS

214

December 13, 1921

Miss Florence E. Quinlan,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Miss Quinlan:-

In your letter under date of December second, regarding the Interdenominational Council on Spanish Speaking Work in the Southwest, to be held today, tomorrow and Thursday has come to my desk. I am writing now to say that Mr. Harper C. Donaldson of Menaul School has represented the Board at this conference, and has been asked to give us details of this conference. No action has been taken by our Board regarding the Interdenominational paper because we are awaiting Mr. Donaldson's report of the meeting.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary

s/k

Relations with C

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL
REV. CHARLES L. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT
REV. RALPH WELLES KEISER, RECORDING SECRETARY
SAMUEL BRYANT, TREASURER
REV. ALFRED WILLIAMS ANTHONY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY, ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
MISS ETHEL M. GOULD, OFFICE SECRETARY
MISS JESSIE DODGE WHITE, SECRETARY OF RECRUITING

Home Missions Council
AND
Council of Women for Home Missions
THE EVANGELICAL DENOMINATIONS THROUGH THEIR NATIONAL BOARDS AND SOCIETIES
156 FIFTH AVENUE - NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN FOR HOME MISSIONS
MRS. FRED S. BENNETT, PRESIDENT
MRS. PHILIP M. ROSSMAN, RECORDING SECRETARY
MRS. EFFIE L. CUNNINGHAM, VICE PRESIDENT-AT-LARGE
MRS. ORRIN R. JUDD, TREASURER
MISS FLORENCE E. QUINLAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
MISS G. EVELYN MORSE, OFFICE SECRETARY
MISS AMY BLANCHE GREENE, SECRETARY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

December 2, 1921.

Dear Friend:-

You already have had your attention called to the Annual Meeting of the Permanent Interdenominational Council on Spanish Speaking Work in the Southwest to be held in San Antonio, Texas on December 13-15, 1921.

One of the specific matters to be given especial attention at the meeting refers to the interdenominational paper. We are enclosing a leaflet and are asking you to read on page 6 the paragraphs marked:-

In keeping with the action of the last January conference we respectfully inquire as to the action of your Board relative to this interdenominational paper. So far as we can learn the following proposals are involved:

1. The plan would be to print a weekly paper of 16 pages to be known as "La Luz Evangelica".
2. The policy of the paper would be two-fold: (a) an evangelical and teaching agency; and (b) an Americanization agency
3. The contents of the paper as so far suggested would be somewhat along the following lines;
   a. Evangelistic material
   b. Current events and religious news interpreted from the Christian point of view
   c. Young people's Department (considerable biographical material)
   d. Sunday School Department
   e. Woman's Column (?)
   f. High grade serial story
   g. Church news
   h. Items that would be of general information for all concerned
   i. Social questions dealt with constructively, etc.
4. The budget including the salary of the Editor would be co something like $7500. Of this amount it would be expected that $3,000 would be raised by subscription leaving $4500 to be apportioned among the participating Boards.

Will not your Board have representatives there to consider this along with other important matters to be brought up at the meeting of the Council? If it is utterly impossible for your Board to be represented will you not indicate to us what would be the likely attitude of your Board in reference to the matter of the paper and its financial share therein?

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Rodney W. Roberts

Associate Secretary
Home Missions Council

Executive Secretary
Council of Women for Home Missions

(COPY)

214

November 29, 1922.

Mr. Ben H. Moore,
511 Fredonia Street,
Muskogee, Okla.

My dear Mr. Moore:

I have read your letter with great interest. I think that all of us who are familiar with the needs of the Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest, feel the need of a training school such as Dr. Robert McLean wants and you recommend. There is no one who feels the need of it more that the Woman's Board of Home Missions, itself.

Under the charter which we carry from the General Assembly and the State of New York we are [illegible]d to do work among the exceptional peoples thro[illegible] schools, hospitals, and community stations, but we have no a[illegible]y whatsoever for the carrying of a Christian school for boys beyond the high school age. That work rests with the General Board of Education. I am, however, handing yourletter over to the Field Work Department , as that is the department which carries the specific responsibility for the operating of the Mission stations under our Board. I hope very sincerely that in the near future such a school may be started and if it is possible we shall be glad to co-operate with it in any way that we can.

Faithfully yours,

General Secretary.

LD/KF
Dictated,and signed in the absence of Miss Dawson
to expedite delivery.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
RECD NOV 28 22
ANS'D
By
BOARD OF

C. F. KING, Clerk of Session
JNO. W. KING, Chairman of Deacons
J. M. HASKELL, Supt. of Sunday School
G. A. McBRIDE, Chairman of Trustees
R. W. WRIGHT, Church Treasurer
MRS. J. M. HASKELL, Pres. Woman's Missionary Society
MISS HELEN BARTLESON, Pres. Y. P. S. C. E.
MRS. H. L. PANTEL, Choir Director

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Corner E and Fredonia Streets

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good"—Num. 10:29

BEN H. MOORE, Pastor

Manse—511 Fredonia
Phone 3614-R

Study—530 North E
Phone 3614-J

2 1H

Muskogee, Oklahoma Nov. 23, 1922.

Miss Lucy H. Dawson, Sec.
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Miss Dawson:

I have something on my heart about which I would like to write you, if you will grant me the time it may take to read this letter.

As a young man in college I felt called to be a foreign missionary. I especially felt the call to work among the Spanish Speaking people of Mexico or South America. To this end I specialized in the Spanish language while in college, and later taught Spanish for five years in college and high school. I tried to go to the foreign fi eld, but didn't get to go. As to why I didn't is a long story, which I shall not take the time to tell. I tell you this much that you may understand my interest in the Mexican people.

However, I did, while in Lane Seminary, have the privilege of spending the summer of 1920 in making a survey of the Mexican situation along the Texas-Mexico border for the Board of Home Missions, working under Dr. Eastman. At the end of the summer I made a detailed report to the board concerning the needs of the Mexican people along that border.

I was greatly impressed with the need of those people for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and above all with the scarcity of laborers to give them that gospel. As I studied the situation I came more and more to feel that the way to reach those people most effectively was not by undertaking to send a sufficient number of white missionaries to meet their needs, but to let a few well trained American Missionaries take up the task of training Mexicans to work among their own people. I felt then, and I feel now, that

that if we are ever to give Jesus Christ to the 1,750,000 Mexicans scattered from California to Texas on American soil, it must be <u>to the Mexicans thru the Mexicans</u>.

During the fall of 1920, after my summer's survey, I noticed in a report of the Board of Home Missions, a recommendation by Dr. Robt. N. McLean, Jr., that a training school for Mexicans be established at Albuquerque, N.M. in connection with Menaul Boys' School, where Mexican young men, interested in christian service, might be given adequate training as ministers and missionaries to their own people.

On seeing that recommendation, I rejoiced toknow that Dr. McLeam had already felt the need for just such a Christian Training School, and I felt that in suggesting Albuquerque, he was suggesting a very logical place for such a school, as it is centrally located and Menaul is already so well established.

I have read every home mission report since, hoping to see that something had been done toward the establishment of this much needed school, but it continues to be only a recommendation.

Dr. Mclean writes me that he is still working away at the task of establishing such an institution, but that funds are lacking to go ahead.

Miss Dawson, could you not give you r support to Dr. McLean in the establishment of such a training school? Surely there could be no more far sighted investment of money than that spent in the training of these Mexican young men as ministers and missionaries. Such an institution could be established in connection with Menaul without a very great outlay of money, and it would help to supply christian workers, not only for the border country, but for Mexico, and Central and SouthAmerica as well.

I am praying that something may be done along this line by the Presbyterian church in the near future.

Thanking you for your time, and begging your careful consideration of of this matter, I am

yours sincerely,

Ben H. Moore

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

214

February 21st, 1923.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
920 Sancramento Street,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Miss Voss:-

I shall wire you tonight as follows:-

" Hinman may take up with you question of consolidation Albuquerque Schools. Think best that you be non-committal until you hear results my conference yesterday with Secretary of Congregational Board. Have written fully today. Anxious to know what is happening with you. "

As I told you before you left, Mr. Brownlee of the American Missionary Association (Congregationali~~st~~) told me in January that he wished to talk over the question of Rio Grande School in Albuquerque. We have made two appointments but he broke both of them. Yesterday afternoon we finally got together.

I am wiring because I learned quite definitely from Mr. Brownlee that Dr. ~~Hinitt~~ Hinman would probably not be of the same mind as would the New York office, and I felt that you should know Mr. Brownlee's position before going very far into the matter.

The situation seems to be that the A.M.A. has not been able to put in enough money to put the school into good physical condition, and feel the contrast between their school and ours very keenly.

In the second place they have not been able to secure a good superintendent, and have just lost one who seems to have left things in pretty bad shape. They had an enrollment of sixty but a number of the children have left, and there were certainly I would say not more than forty there at the last report. The Board appropriates about $9,000. per year for this school and receive about $3,000 in tuition. They count scholarships $135., of which the Board supplies $100. and the pupil $35.

These pupils come mostly from small plazas West of Albuquerque in which the Congregationalists have work. They have apparently tried to cover all grades from first through high school, but the latter most unsatisfactorily.

I think you know that I had said to Mr. Brownlee in a somewhat casual way that they might sell their property and build a dormitory at Santa Fe which they could give to us and we in return would take a certain number of pupils both at Santa Fe and at Menaul. Some thought convinced me that there was a certain weakness in such a plan as it would have no limit in time. When I found how small their budget was compared to that which we spend on the two boarding schools I realized that it would be difficult to have any cooperative management.

It was rather interesting to find later that both Mr. Brownlee and myself were hedging on the same point. I was not willing to grant a thing which he did not want. After rather a long conversation we evolved a plan which was suggested because of Mr. Brownlee's statement that no one locally held out any hope that they could sell for anything more than a very small price, and even that might not be obtainable for many years.

We then agreed that administration was much more simple when it remained in the hands of one Board. Mr. Brownlee said that he felt that they should withdraw from any administration in the field about Albuquerque. However, Mr. Brownlee reccognized that Dr. ~~Hiniitt~~ Hinman, in whose hands the management of this work is vested, and perhaps others, would differ from him, and that it might be hard for them to withdraw at once.

All of this background led to the suggested plan to which I refer above. This is that the Congregationalists close their school and pay us scholarships for a certain number of pupils, boys and girls, the number and the amount of scholarships to be agreed upon later.

Second, that these pupils may be recommended by the workers in the schools of the A.M.A. but they must be prepared to enter the grades we have established, and must in character and scholarship be satisfactory to the heads of our schools, that is to say that the A.M.A. would ask no management, but send a few pupils to us, pay-

ing scholarships for the same. While this was not said, I rather draw the conclusion that after a certain period of time they would withdraw entirely from the field.

I hope you think that this suggestion is a practical one. It seemed to me the best that could be worked out of the situation.

I may say that I told Mr. Brownlee that without looking the matter up, but speaking from memory, I thought it cost us about $300. a pupil at Menaul, but that when the number were increased by the new dormitory, this amount might be lessened. He did not agree that they should pay this amount, but I left that in his mind as a figure.

With every cordial good wish, I am,

Faithfully yours,

J. Katharine Ernest

MKB/L

(Mrs. F.S.)

2-14

March 19, 1923.

Memorandum: Conference with Dr. Hindman of the A. M. A., February 28, 1923, Phelan Building, San Francisco, Cal.

Dr. Hindman expressed himself as being sure that his constituency would not approve withdrawing entirely from school work at Albuquerque. He felt that since he had been given charge of that work that he should have the chance to try his hand at it. He thinks that just because they have failed to find the right leadership they should not withdraw when the pupils are there to be taught - many more than can be handled by the Presbyterians and Methodists.

He would like to see a federation of these schools, the federation to be backed by the respective boards and to take the form of a co council composed chiefly of members of the schools' staffs which would meet at least once a month to discuss problems of general interest to the three schools, methods of work, etc. Dr. Hindman believes that would benefit in increased efficiency in work and school morale.

Dr. Hindman will visit Albuquerque and write me fully. Asks me to wait to hear from him before taking up the matter with Dr. Brownely.

Edna P. Voss.

Superintendent of Field Work.

V/M

re federation of schools

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL
REV. CHARLES L. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT
REV. CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER
RECORDING SECRETARY
SAMUEL BRYANT, TREASURER
REV. ALFRED WILLIAMS ANTHONY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
REV. RODNEY W. ROUNDY
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
MISS ETHEL M. GOULD, OFFICE SECRETARY
TEL. WATKINS 5635

Home Missions Council
AND
Council of Women for Home Missions

THE EVANGELICAL DENOMINATIONS THROUGH
THEIR NATIONAL BOARDS AND SOCIETIES
156 FIFTH AVENUE - - NEW YORK, N. Y.
MISS AMY BLANCHE GREENE, SECRETARY FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS
MR. RAYMOND E. COLE, SPECIAL WORKER FOR FOLLOW-UP OF NEW AMERICANS

214

COUNCIL OF WOMEN
FOR HOME MISSIONS
MRS. FRED S. BENNETT, PRESIDENT
MRS. MAY LEONARD WOODRUFF
VICE PRESIDENT-AT-LARGE
MRS. EDWIN W. LENTZ
RECORDING SECRETARY
MRS. ORRIN R. JUDD, TREASURER
MISS FLORENCE E. QUINLAN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
MISS LAURA H. PARKER
EXECUTIVE SUPERVISOR, WORK FOR
FARM AND CANNERY MIGRANTS
MISS G. EVELYN MORSE
OFFICE SECRETARY
TEL. WATKINS 4673

1717D

October 30, 1923

Dear Friend:

The date for the Interdenominational Council on Spanish Speaking Work in the Southwest is definitely settled for December 18 to 20 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please make plans for that date and for the representation of your Board at the Conference.

While no definite program can yet be announced the following suggestions as sent to me by Dr. Robert E. McLean, the President of the Council, have been offered:

1 - STOPPING THE LEAKS. We have no arrangement existing among the denominations whereby members of our churches who move from place to place are conserved to the work. Our comity agreement should be backed up by a further agreement to transfer our members to sister denominations when they move to places where the church to which they formerly belonged is not at work.

2 - AGRICULTURAL NEEDS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA. I have just come back from a tour to the least frequented plazas of Northern New Mexico and am struck by the need of the discussion of such a topic. The methods are primitive indeed.

3 - THE MISSION SCHOOL. Has it a place in the program of the future?

4 - GETTING OUR CHURCHES TO ADVANCE TOWARD SELF-SUPPORT.

5 - THE PROBLEM OF THE MEXICAN MIGRANT.

6.- THE TRAINING OF VOLUNTEER MEXICAN WORKERS. My experience particularly this past year leads me to feel that the next great step is to be taken along this line. It keeps the workers alive and multiplies our efforts a hundredfold.

7 - THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL PAPER.

8 - THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

9 - OUTDOOR PREACHING

10 - THE USE OF THE MOVING PICTURE MACHINE IN COMMUNITY WORK AMONG MEXICANS

11 - THE NEW PROBLEM WHICH MEXICAN IMMIGRATION IS PRESENTING IN THE NORTH AND IN THE EAST.

Presumably, there are more topics here than can be fully utilized yet, at the same time there may be other suggestions which you would like to offer and which should be sent immediately to Dr. McLean, 313 West Third Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

At the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Home Missions Council on Friday it was voted to ask Miss Amy Blanche Greene to represent the Council. It is expected and urged that each Board will look after its own representatives immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

RODNEY W. ROUNDY
Associate Secretary

Who else?